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SUBJECT: EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS ON KIEV PROPERTIES

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1. DEPARTMENT SHARES EMBASSY DISAPPOINTMENT OVER CONTINUED SOVIET INTRANSIGENCE IN RESOLVING REMAINING KIEV PROPERTY QUESTIONS. WE ARE STRUCK, HOWEVER, BY HOW LITTLE KIEV AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE TO MOVE TO MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS AT STRELETSKAYA AND GORKIY. IN ESSENCER; WHAT WE NEED IS ENOUGH ROOM AT SIDE OF STRELETSKAYA 16 TOB; BE ABLE TO MANEUVER TRUCKS TO BACK OF BUILDING AND USE OF FRONT ENTRANCE AT GORKIY (WHETHER CG AND OTHER APARTMENTS ARE ON FIRST AND SECOND OR ON SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS.) BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO HAVE ANOTHER CRACK AT THE KIEV AUTHORITIES, BEFORE CONSIDERING DRASTIC CUTBACK OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK.

2. WE BELIEVE REVIEW OF PROBLEMS AT TECHNICAL LEVEL COULD RESULT IN CLEARING UP OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND BREAKING IMPASSE ON REMAINING ISSUES. SINCE ARCHITECT'S PRESENCE IS ESSENTIAL IN ANY TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, WE PROPOSE TO SEND
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KNOOP AND GRIMES TOM; MOSCOW FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH EMBASSY

ARRIVING AUGUST 22 AND THEN ON TO KIEV WITH EMBOFFS FOR ANOTHER TRY WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. (ITINERARY BEING SENT SPTEL) IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS IN KIEV, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED ARCHITECT'S VISIT ONLY AS MEANS OF CLARIFYING ANY TECHNICAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH MAY EXIST ON PROPERTY ISSUES.

3. SHOULD ARCHITECT'S VISIT NOT RESULT IN RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS TO OUR SATISFACTION DEPARTMENT WILL RECONSIDER OPTIONS INCLUDING POSSIBLE RETALIATORY ACTION IN NEW YORK. KISSINGER

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